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In re Application of William R. Arathoon et al. Serial No.: 09/373,403 Filed: 12 August 1999 For: A METHOD FOR MAKING MULTISPECIFIC ANTIBODIES HAVING HETEROMULTIMERIC AND COMMON COMPONENTS	Group Art Unit: 1642 Examiner: Hunt, Jennifer Elizabeth
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This document is timely submitted in response to an Election Requirement mailed December 26, 2001 for which a one-month period for response was given, making the document due on or before Monday, January 28, 2002, because January 26 fell on a Saturday. In view of the discussion provided, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Restriction Requirement

- Pending claims 30-49 were restricted into the following groups under 35 U.S.C. § 121:
- I. Claims 30-32, 37-44, and 46-49, drawn, in part, to a method of making a multispecific antibody, wherein the antibody comprises a free-thiol containing residue, classified in class 530, subclass 387.3.
 - II. Claims 30-31, 33-45, and 47-49, drawn, in part, to a method of making a multispecific antibody, wherein the antibody comprises a protuberance into cavity interaction, classified in class 530, subclass 387.3.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement because the claims in Groups I and II are of the same class causing no undue burden on the Examiner in a search of the relevant literature. Withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

In the event that the restriction requirement is not withdrawn and merely to advance prosecution and allowance of claimed subject matter, Applicants elect Group II, claims 30-31, 33-45, and 47-49, drawn to a method of making a multispecific antibody, wherein the antibody comprises a protuberance into cavity interaction, classified in class 530, subclass 387.3.

If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner should feel free to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

This document is timely filed within the one-month period for response. Applicant believes that no fees are due with this submission. In the unlikely event that fees are due, Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to authorize any extensions of time and/or to deduct fees or add credits due to our Deposit Account 07-0630 as necessary to maintain the pendency of this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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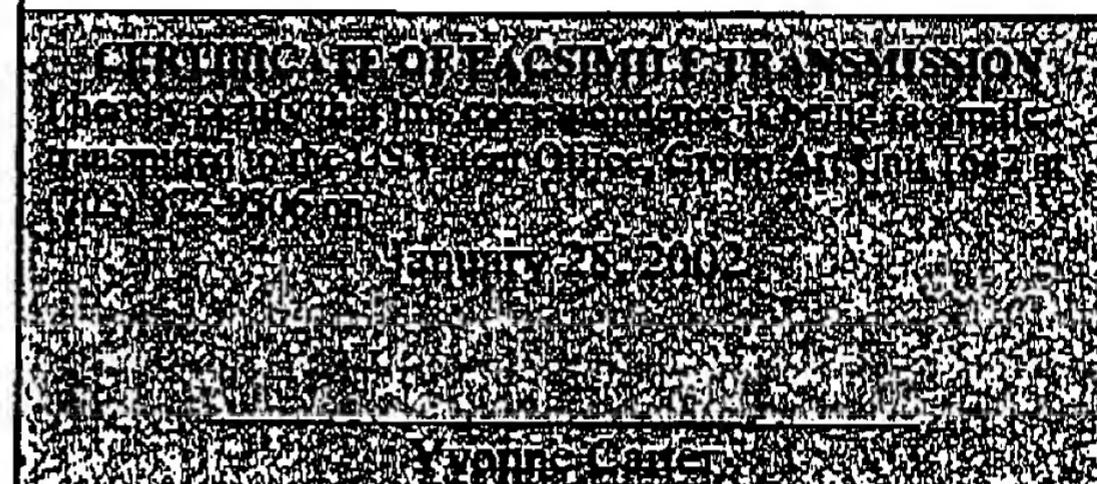
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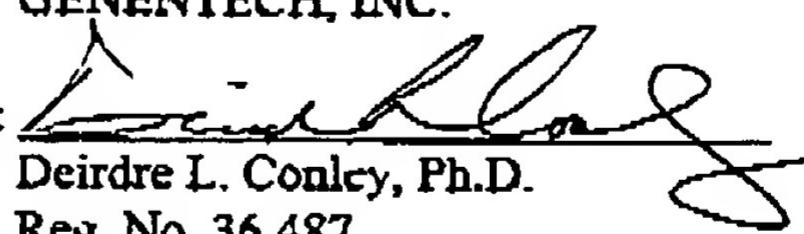
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